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The Hidden Horror of Hudson Yards Is How It Was Financed

Manhattan's new luxury mega-project was partially bankrolled by an investor visa program called EB-5, which was meant to help poverty-stricken areas.

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Amid Notre-Dame's Destruction, There's Hope for Restoration

Flames consumed the roof and spire of the 13th-century cathedral in Paris. The good news: Gothic architecture is built to handle this kind of disaster.

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Cambridge's New Bike Lane Law is 'Bikelash'-Proof

The Boston suburb now mandates the addition of protected bike lanes on all streets due for planned upgrades. It's a strategy other cities should follow.

LAURA BLISS



From Gentrification to Decline: How Neighborhoods Really Change

A new report and accompanying map finds extreme gentrification in a few cities, but the dominant trend—particularly in the suburbs—is the concentration of low-income population.

TANVI MISRA



Cape Town's 'Day Zero' Water Crisis, One Year Later

In spring 2018, news of the water crisis in South Africa ricocheted around the world —then the story disappeared. So what happened?

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Amazon's Slow Retreat From Seattle

Amazon has long fancied itself an urban enterprise. Is its pivot to smaller communities a way to avoid messy politics?

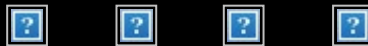
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